

Chapel Hill N.C.
11/27-'89

Hon. Elias Larrick
Old Sparta N.C.

My Dear Sir & Bro:

Believing as I do that you have the welfare of the Farmers Alliance, as well as the welfare of each individual member at heart. I, therefore take this privilege of addressing you on a matter in which I desire your advice and also your assistance so far as you may deem practicable -

The matter to which I above refer is this - As you know, there is to be elected in March a steward for the N.C. I. Assn. I desire to secure, by the aid of my friends, this position for myself. I am a farmer - belong to the Mt. Carmel Alliance. I own a farm.

near P Hill - but owing to successive
bad crop years - I & those of my tenants
that I have helped - have failed to make
expenses - (on this account & some others) I
am in debt. my desire is to get
this position & pay my debts & start a
little ahead next time - Of course, I
would not think of asking your aid,
without first satisfying you as to my
character & other qualifications - this I
know I can do.

Let's look at this matter in a
non-personal light. It seems to me,
as if the farmers of the state have been
ignored long enough in our state officers,
that the "experts" ought at least, now
to be willing to share with us, they have
been holding them a long time - "two
about is fair play" - I am sure, sir,
that whether I am the man or not - if
some alien was manifested in this
position - will be of great encouragement
to the alien & at the same time
add strength to the Institution.

And now, my honored Sir, you are
the first person - to whom I ^{written} have consulted
on this matter & it is useless for me to add
that this letter is confidential - it is
not my desire to apply for this place
without having good hope of success,
and this I can't have without the aid
of our head Alliance men. Should I
be so fortunate as to get their help I
think my chances good.

Trusting, kind Sir, that you
will pardon me for the liberty I have
taken & that I may hear from you
at your earliest convenience - I beg to
remain

Very Faithfully & Respectfully
Yours
P. L. Strong